

Examiner's Amendment and Reasons for Allowance

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brad Spitz on 9/30/08.

3. The application has been further amended as follows:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. A computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon computer-executable components of a system that facilitates access to data, the system comprising:

a set component that identifies data sets;

a component that determines data in at least one data set to be displayed in a semi-collapsed view by selecting data in the at least one data set having a data type corresponding to a currently instantiated application selected from a plurality of currently instantiated applications, wherein the plurality of currently instantiated applications have disparate data types respectively associated therewith;

a button for selecting a view; and

a display component that displays the determined data in the at least one data set in the semi-collapsed view and directly cycles through the semi-collapsed view, a collapsed view, and an expanded view of the at least one data set upon repeated selection of the button.

Claim 17 has been amended as follows:

17. A method that facilitates access to data comprising:

identifying sets of data items;

identifying information in at least one set of data items to be displayed in a semi-collapsed state at least in part by determining information in the at least one set having an information type that is associated with an application selected from a plurality of applications currently instantiated by a user, the plurality of applications currently instantiated by the user having respective disparate information types associated therewith;

displaying a button for selecting a view;

displaying the identified information in the semi-collapsed state; and, cycling the display directly through the semi-collapsed state, a collapsed state, and an expanded state upon repeated selection of the button.

Claim 20 has been amended as follows:

20. A computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon computer-executable code which, when executed by a computer, causes the computer to display a user interface comprising:

a button for selecting a view;

a first region displaying selected data items of a first data set in a view that cycles directly through a semi-collapsed view, an expanded view, and a collapsed view upon repeated selection of the button, the selected data items are determined based on respective classifications of the data items, one or more applications associated with a user, and one or more respective data types utilized by the one or more currently running applications associated with the user; and,

a second region displaying data items of a second data set in a collapsed or expanded view.

Claim 23 has been amended as follows:

23. An application running on a data packet transmitted between two or more computer component[[s]] and stored on a computer-readable storage medium, the application facilitates access to data by instructing communication of a signal having one or more data packets, that facilitates access to data, the data packets comprising:

a button for selecting a view;

a first field comprising information associated with at least one data set to be displayed in a semi-collapsed view, a collapsed view, or an expanded view upon repeated selection of the button, the view displayed determined by a direct cycling, items displayed in the semi-collapsed view are selected at least in part by identifying respective items in the at least one data set having an information type that corresponds to an executing application in a plurality of executing

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applications respectively having disparate information types corresponding thereto; and,

a second field comprising information associated with another data set to be displayed in at least one of an expanded view and a collapsed view.

Claim 24 has been amended as follows:

24. A computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon computer-executable components of a system that facilitates access to data, the system comprising:

means for identifying sets of data;

means for displaying a button for selecting a view;

means for selecting data in at least one identified set of data for display in a semi-collapsed view at least in part by selecting data in the at least one identified set of data that relates to an application selected from a plurality of executing applications being employed by a user;

means for displaying the data selected from the at least one identified set of data in the semi-collapsed view; and,

means for cycling the display directly through the semi-collapsed view, a collapsed view, and an expanded view upon repeated selection of the button.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art made of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention.

Specifically, the prior art fails to teach, in combination with the remaining elements:

facilitating access to data wherein a data set having in a view is displayed upon repeated selection of a button, the view comprising a semi-collapsed view, a collapsed view, and an expanded view and the data corresponds to currently instantiated/executing applications as recited in claims 1, 17, 20, 23 and 24.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Lê Nguyen whose telephone number is **(571) 272-4068**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong, can be reached at (571) 272-4124.

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